



Attorney Docket No.: 40736.0001

I hereby Certify that this Correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 11, 2005.

Janice Capuani

ignature

Date of Signature

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 3617 Examiner: Le, Mark T.

In re application of

: Kent N. Johnson

Serial No.

: 10/695,558

Filing Date

: October 28, 2003

Title

: Gondola Railcar Construction

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.